

Glossary of Terms (Definitions):

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES: Written or oral instructions which states either a person's choices for medical treatment or, in the event the person is unable to make treatment choices, designates who will make those decisions. Older or seriously ill people write most advance directives. Advance directives can take many forms. The most common advance directives are living wills, do not resuscitate order, and durable power of attorney for health care decisions.

DO NOT RESUSCITATE (DNR): Do not resuscitate is a type of advance directive. A DNR is the patient's request not to have cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY: A durable power of attorney for health care decisions allows a person to designate an individual to make health care decisions any time the person is unable to make health care decisions.

EMERGENCY CARE: Care for an acute illness or an unexpected health need that cannot be deferred until the next scheduled sick call or clinic.

EXTREME ISOLATION : An inmate with little or no contact with other individuals.

LIMITED ISOLATION: An inmate who is allowed periods of recreation or other routine social contact among themselves while segregated from general population.

LIVING WILL: A living will, a type of advance directive, is written instructions regarding specific medical treatment options that become effective during the later stages of a terminal illness usually considered the last six months of life. A living will addresses the individual's choices for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, food and fluid measures, and other specific treatment issues.

MAN-DOWN DRILL: A simulated emergency affecting one individual who is in need of immediate medical intervention. It involves life-threatening situations commonly experienced in correctional settings.

MASS DISASTER: Any man-made or natural disaster, riot, or internal or external disaster that causes or has the potential to cause numbers of victims that cannot be handled by the on-duty medical personnel.

QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS: Include physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, mental health professionals and other licensed personnel.

QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL: Includes psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric social workers, psychiatric nurses, and others who by virtue of their education, credentials, and experience are permitted by law to evaluate and care for the mental health needs of patients.

SEGREGATED: An inmate with limited contact with staff or other inmates

SERIOUS SUICIDE ATTEMPT: An act of self-harm by an inmate resulting in the need for emergent or urgent medical treatment, such as the level of care provided in a hospital emergency department. Examples: Hunger strike, attempted hanging, overdose, self-inflicted lacerations or burns, ingestion of foreign substance, etc. resulting in the aforementioned need for emergent or urgent medical treatment.

SUICIDE RESISTENT CELL: A cell without protrusions that would provide easy access for a hanging attempt, that does not have furniture with sharp edges or loose pieces that could be used for cutting, that does not have an accessible electrical outlet, and that provides full visibility to staff.

TRIAGE: Assessment of injured for severity of need for immediate and less immediate medical services.